

My dear Sally

Montreal Sunday morn
26 July 1818

We are here safe last evening, having been
pursued with one of the finest runs down the St.
Lawrence that was ever known, We found Mr. & Mrs.
Payne & Lady at Fort George, there we took the Steamer
"boat" and came the whole length of Lake Ontario
stopping at Seneca River & Lackett's Harbour at both of
which places we saw great curiosities, we got
into Prescott Friday at 11 o'clock - finding we should
have to wait days for the stage boat to come, we
soon chartered an open boat (the largest)
had floors laid and a canvas cover up so
that we set off at 1/2 past 4: / we were 20 in
all, but our particular party were 13. we
climbed & laid in some provisions, not unable to
go more than 15 miles that day, at 9 in the evening
we went on shore and encamped for the night
in a poor dirty Tavern, some stowed on the

on the floor, some in chairs, I had a fine
night rest under my cloak on a table, some
of the Ladies slept others did not - we found
it easy to get all hands together and embark
in the morning so as to be off by 9 past 4.
yesterday our stops on shore amounted to 2 1/2
hours notwithstanding which we came at least
120 miles before 9 o'clock, 40 or 50 of which
were in crossing Lakes Francis &.

I had read and heard of the River St. Lawrence
but had no expectation of finding it so great
a curiosity, very few on board had ever
ascended it before all allowed it to be marvellous
as astonishing and as great a sight as the
Cataract of Niagara, its thousand islands,
beautiful shores, windings & inlets make it equal
to a picture, but its Rapids are the most
astonishing of its features, the whole kept
us filled with admiration all the time long

Day, except myself not one of our party
can expect again to descend this wonderfull river
I hope to do it one Day my Love with you

We have just sent to Mr. Gales for our
letters, shall finish this after rec^d. of them, I hope
to be and continue thankfull to God for having
preserved us thus far on our journey and trust
soon to find you all in health, on Tuesday
we expect to set out for Quebec & shall return
soon as possible and go straight home I
half a mind to now but, but recall
your Fathers advice on such occasions is to have the
police int and such more Mr. Sargents charges
when I left. Mr. & Mrs Tucker & Mr. Good
have just determine to leave us, our party
to Quebec will therefore be small, Mr. Wicks has
Haughton & niece and an English Gentleman

The servant has just returned from Mr. Gales
without letters, I shall call on him in the morn^g,
it must be that there are letters

